

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claim 1 (currently amended).

A biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula (4) to perform transcutaneous biopsies of tissue, in particular hard tissue and bone marrow tissue by means of a biopsy material holding device that can be inserted into the proximal end of a biopsy cannula (4) and is inserted between the inner wall of a biopsy cannula (4) and the tissue-removing cylinder, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein a wire (3) with a bevelling (5) is arranged at the distal end of the wire (3) at a biopsy material holding device and the wire (3) having a Pre-stress angle (2).

Claim 2 (currently amended).

A biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula (4) according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the biopsy material holding device is made of a wire (3) attached to a grip end (22).

Claim 3 (currently amended).

A biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula (4) according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that that~~ wherein the biopsy material holding device is composed of a grip end (22) with an

attached extension shank (1) and that a wire (3) is fastened to the shank (1).

Claim 4 (currently amended).

A biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula (4) according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the wire (3) has a tip with a bevelling (5) and the tip with bevelling (5) has a bevelling angle B of 5° to 85°, preferably 20°, and is facing the biopsy material cylinder (6).

Claim 5 (currently amended).

A biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula (4) according to ~~claims 1 and 4 characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein the bevelling (5) of the wire (3) is either hollow ground or bulged.

Claim 6 (currently amended).

A biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula (4) according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the wire (3) with a pre-stress angle (2) is arranged at the centre of the grip end (22), with the pre-stress angle (2) being between 1° and 90°.

Claim 7 (currently amended).

A biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula (4)

according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the wire (3) has a length that corresponds to that of the biopsy cannula (4) at ends at the latter's ending.

Claim 8 (currently amended).

A biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula (4) according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the grip end (22) can be locked into the grip end (20) of the biopsy cannula (4).

Claim 9 (currently amended).

A biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula (4) according to claim 3 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the wire (3) is firmly connected to the distal end of the shank (1) and a pre-stress angle (2) between 1° and 90° is provided, according to the specific application.

Claim 10 (currently amended).

A biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula (4) according to claim 3 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the length of the wire (3) is preferably 25 mm and ends at the direct end of a known biopsy cannula (4) after insertion of the shank (1) and locking of the grip end (22) into the grip (20) of the biopsy cannula (4).

Claim 11 (currently amended).

A biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula (4) according to claim 1 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the wire (3) has a roughened surface and is shaped in an optional profile with the cross-section of the wire (3) being dimensioned in such a manner that fastening of the wire (3) at the distal end of the biopsy cannula (4) conditions a minimal pinch artefacture with a diameter of preferably ca. 0.35 mm.

Claim 12 (currently amended).

A biopsy material holding device for a biopsy cannula (4) according to claim 3 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the wire (3) is arranged without a pre-stress angle (2) at the side of the shank (1) and thus fits closely to the interior wall of the biopsy cannula (4).